

## Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) and Masaryk University (MUNI) Collaborate to Strengthen European Academic Cooperation

- IHS and Masaryk University sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- MoU opens up new opportunities for interdisciplinary European academic cooperation
- Academic exchange within the Czech Republic and Austria is being intensified
- Collaboration builds on previous successful joint research projects

(Vienna, 10.3.2023) The Institute for Advanced Studies signed on 10 March, 2023 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Faculty of Social Studies and the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration of Masaryk University to formalize their collaboration in an effort to promote academic cooperation and exchange. The MoU is in line with the strategy of the Institute of Advanced Studies (IHS) to promote interdisciplinary European academic cooperation and close cooperation between universities and research institutions as well as Masaryk University's strategy of internationalization and focus on academic excellence.

"The MoU opens a new chapter in the 60 years success story of IHS as well as assists our strategy to build European interdisciplinary research alliances with leading universities in the region. It also aligns with the internationalization efforts of Masaryk University and the ambition to solidify its position as a top European research university. It draws the historically strong ties between the academic environments of Brno and Vienna as well as Czechia and Austria even closer", says Klaus Neusser, scientific director of IHS.

By signing the Memorandum of Understanding the IHS will become the 'Masaryk Vienna Gateway' assisting Masaryk University's presence in scientific frameworks in Austria, and Masaryk University will become 'Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna European University Partner' to strengthen the position of IHS in the European university and research environment.

The collaboration will extend to training and exchange of faculty members and experts, exchange of students, cooperation in research activities, facilitating the mutual advancement of eligible early-stage researchers as well as joint appointments and habilitation processes, and jointly advancing the reform of the European Research Arena through the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment and other international fora.

The collaboration builds on previous successful joint research projects funded by FWF and GACR, the Austrian and Czech science funding agencies respectively, appointments by leading IHS scholars at Masaryk University, visiting fellows from Masaryk University to the IHS, as well as successful collaborations between researchers in international projects funded by the H2020 research funding scheme.

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